

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter has been added. Also, a new Abstract is being submitted so as to comply with the 150-word limit as set forth in the M.P.E.P.

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are currently being amended.

Claim 17 is currently being added.

This amendment adds and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4 and 17 are now pending in this application (whereby claims 5-16 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species).

Objection to Title:

In the Office Action, the title was objected to as not be clearly indicative of the claimed invention. A new title is being submitted herewith, which corresponds to the title suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections:

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted Prior Art of Figure 28 in view of Applicant's admitted Prior Art of Figure 33 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,034,716 to Whiting et al. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims, for at least the reasons given below.

Presently pending independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the monitor is separately disposed from the casing, in which the monitor is fixed in position and does not rotate when the casing rotates. This feature can be seen, for example, in Figure 1 of the drawings, whereby the monitor 101 is separate from the casing 110 and does not rotate when the casing 110 rotates.

Applicant's admitted prior art Figure 28 does not show a monitor. Applicant's admitted prior art Figure 33 does show a monitor 701, but the monitor 701 is within the casing 110 and thus rotates when the casing 110 rotates. Since Whiting does not rectify the above-mentioned shortcomings in Applicant's admitted prior art, presently pending claim 1 is patentable over the combined teachings of the cited art of record.

Presently pending dependent claims 2-4 are patentable due to their dependencies on base claim 1, as well as for the specific features recited in those claims. For example, presently pending claims 3 and 4 recite that a circular window has a circular opening portion and a non-circular image blocking portion, in which the circular window is arranged external to the casing. These features can be seen, for example, in Figure 2 of the drawings, whereby circular window 103 is disposed external to the casing 110 and which circular window 103 has a non-circular image blocking portion. Also, claims 3 and 4 recite that the circular window 103 does not rotate when the casing 110 rotates. The Office Action asserts that ring gear 106 corresponds to the claimed circular window, but this is incorrect. Ring gear 106 is just that – a ring gear, and does not correspond to a circular window. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to add further features to the claimed circular window in order to clearly distinguish it from the ring gear 106 of Applicant's admitted prior art.

Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are patentable for these additional reasons, beyond those given above for base claim 1.

New claim 17 has been added to recite additional features of the present invention that are believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record,

when taken as a whole. Support for new claim 17 may be found in Figure 7 of the drawings, and in the description of that figure in the specification.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A camera system, in which user operates a camera to watch an image obtained by the camera, has a rotary mirror type camera assembly including a camera, a mirror for camera arranged in front of the camera with a given angle relative to a light axis of the camera, and a mirror rotating mechanism driving the mirror for the camera to rotate about the light axis of the camera, a rotary mirror type display apparatus including a monitor displaying an image picked up by the camera, a mirror for monitor arranged in front of the monitor with a given angle with respect to a display direction of the monitor, a finder permitting viewing of the image displayed on the monitor via the mirror for monitor, and a casing rotatable together with the mirror for monitor about an axis extending through substantially a center of the display screen of the monitor perpendicular to the display screen. The mirror for camera is rotated according to rotation of the casing and the mirror for monitor being fixed to the casing. When the casing is rotated, the mirror for monitor is rotated in display direction of the monitor in front of the monitor.



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FIG. 11

